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SUCCINEA RAOI NEW NAME FOR SUCCINEA ARBORICOLA RAO, 1925 (STYLOMMATOPHORA : SUCCINEIDAE)

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Mousson (1887) described a new species, *Succinea arborea* from Kalaruri (=Kalahari), Southeast Africa. As the name was preoccupied by *Succinea arborea* Adams and Angas (1863) from South Australia, Connolly (1912) proposed the new name, *Succinea arboricola* for the South African species.

During the course of our studies on molluscs from Poona District, Maharashtra, we have come across a species of succineid, *Succinea arboricola* Rao, the type specimens of which were collected by Dr. S. L. Hora, during August, 1924, on the bark of mango trees in the compound of Hamilton Hotel at Lonavla, Poona District. Signifying its peculiar habitat, Rao (1925) named the new species as *Succinea arboricola* which,

however, is distinct from the South African and South Australian succineids. Since *Succinea arboricola* Rao is a junior homonym of *Succinea arboricola* Connolly, it is necessary to propose a new name for the Indian species. We take this opportunity to propose the new name *Succinea raoi*, for *Succinea arboricola* Rao, in honour of late Dr. H. S. Rao, who made significant contributions to Indian malacology.

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